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## LANCASTER COMMUNITY FORUM TO PRESENT LECTURER

The Lancaster Forum, sponsored by the Lancaster Public Schools through the Adult Education Program, will present the first meeting of the spring semester on Thursday evening, February 10, at 8:30 p. m. in the Lancaster High School Auditorium. The program will consist of four speakers of International importance, each presenting information on current world affairs. The public is cordially invited to attend these lectures which are made available through the New York State Adult Education Program.

"Don" Bolt, internationally known lecturer and news analyst, formerly with NBC, will be the first of the series, and his topic will be "The Marshall Plan in Action". Mr. Bolt has just returned from a tour of the Marshall Plan Countries. In each, he interviewed officials, citizens, and refugees from other countries. He lived among people whose homes had been destroyed, and whose lives are the pawns of fate. At the conclusion of the lecture period, Mr. Bolt will answer questions from the audience.

"Don" Bolt served in the British Merchant Marine and the U. S. Army during the First World War. He graduated from Indiana University, then entered the newspaper field, working on such Metropolitan papers as the St. Louis Globe, Democrat, Pittsburgh Post, and Chicago Herald Examiner. Later, he became an NBC radio commentator.

During the last ten years, Mr. Bolt has traveled extensively throughout the world. During the Second World War, he was a lecturer for the U. S. government in connection

## STUDENT DRIVERS RECEIVE LICENSES

On Friday, January 28, 20 students of the drivers' training course took their driving tests. The following received their licenses: Wilma Beam, Wilbert Green, Dorothy Gund, Joan Haworth, Edna Herbold, Suzanne Jacobsen, Joan Johnston, Donald Kabel, Barbara Koszuta, Naomi Luderman, William Luderman, Carol Millner, Robert Sturm, Dorothy Stutzman, William Sweet, and Clinton Willis.

New students have now been enrolled for the second semester course.

## ART NEWS

The Art Department is holding a Valentine's Dance, February 10, fifth period. The time set for the Junior High Dance is 11:30 A. M. and the Senior High, 12:45 P. M.

Tickets are 10 cents and may be purchased from any member of the art committee. Profit made will help pay for ceramic supplies, so let's have a big turn out!

The Art Committee has taken charge of filling the show cases for the last few weeks and has some very interesting exhibits. Carol Fragale, a seventh grader, had on display her collection of dolls. Christine Zydel arranged the souvenirs from France that were loaned by Miss Davis. The Stein collection was arranged by Dorothy Stutzman and Dorr VanBuskirk. These displays were very much appreciated. So, be on the lookout for some future exhibits.

with the U. S. Army. With the conclusion of the war, Mr. Bolt returned to Europe where he made an on-the-spot study of conditions. He was there during the summer and fall of 1947 and spent the entire summer of 1948 observing the Marshall Plan in action.

## WHAT'S WHAT IN THE NEWS

Quite a few of the seniors might well go around with a smile on their faces, because they have passed their American History II regents. Miss Cowan said she thought that the test was rather long and the questions were vague. Only five students have to repeat the course.

Miss Bland has a new assistant, Miss Florence Hart, a registered nurse, here for four weeks for her field training and nursing experience. She will graduate from the University of Buffalo in June.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Schoenthal, and the Board of Education expect to go to Albany, February 2, to discuss plans for some new school buildings with the Buildings and Grounds Division of the State Education Department.

On Tuesday, February 22, the seniors are having a Splash Party. It is for seniors only. Each one attending may bring a guest. Tickets are 90 cents.

Look forward to a most enjoyable program on Friday, February 25, at 2:15. Nathan Gist, a famous morale builder will be the speaker. His speeches are delivered in a humorous style.

We of the "Maroon Oracle" staff wish to show our thanks and appreciation to "Bucky" Rohl. "Bucky" is taking over as boy's sports editor. Thanks again, "Bucky".

## "CO-OPS" NEWS

The Co-ops Club plans to hold another amateur show this year. They would like to feature Foster Brooks again if arrangements can be made for him to come.

The Retailing II class, under the supervision of Mr. Burlingame, is planning a trip to Buffalo during the week of February 5 to see a television show.



## EDITORIAL

### WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, COURTESY?

What does the word "courtesy" mean to you, anyway? Oh, Webster could probably give you a dozen different meanings, but we ask you what does it mean to you?

If we learn to be courteous now, while we are in high school, we shall be a lot more likely to go farther when we are out of school. There are many places where we have a chance to show our courtesy in school: In the classrooms, halls, study halls, and in the auditorium at the assemblies.

And speaking of assemblies—some of us might well hide our faces since the last assembly; if they aren't still red, they ought to be.

The school spends a considerable amount of money yearly in order to give us enjoyable and worth-while entertainment. Many of our assembly programs cost \$40 or \$50. Our parents had no such opportunities when they attended school. For these reasons, the ability to attend assemblies should be considered a great privilege—and one which might be taken away from us if we do not mind our manners.

The majority of pupils, we believe, appreciate these opportunities and try to behave in a proper fashion; but alas, there is always the minority who attempts to spoil everything. For a definite instance the Allen Duo, who entertained in assembly on January 10, was most insulted over the conduct of the students, who threw things on the stage and dropped things down from the balcony. The program cost the school \$35, but we understand that it was shortened because of the apparent lack of appreciation of some of the students. On leaving the school, Mr. Allen was known to remark that when he turns in his reports on his reception at Lancaster High, it might be very hard for the school to get any more paid programs. After all, entertainers do not

### INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: What is your favorite type of woman's hat?

"Jim" Burke: None at all!

"Don" Sugg: One that covers most of her face!

"Art" Robinson: Something like Teddy M. would wear. (Senior Play).

"Don" Bove: I'll stick to babushkas!

Wilbert Green: One with a woman under it!

"Art" Aldinger: One with lots on and under it.

"Danny" Giorgini: One that has a reason for being worn.

"Skip" Schneider: Why ask me? I never wore one.

"Bucky" Rohl: Lots and lots of flowers.

Ronald Mills: One with lots of feathers.

Mr. Kling: Turbans!

Mr. Farrell: One you can see over when seated in the theater.

### SCHOOL DAZE

Early to bed—early to rise.

To go to school, what a surprise!

Ride to school with my eyes half closed,

Get into class, and still I doze. Such is my life all week through;

The people I meet are all that's new.

—Naomi Luderman.

want to come to schools to be insulted by students.

So, let's seriously think over this matter of assemblies and try to improve our conduct. Remember that the thoughtlessness of a comparative few reflects upon the character of the entire school. We don't want our school to have a "black eye"!

### ON GOING STEADY—OR WHAT ARE YOU MISSING?

You see couples walking hand in hand all over the campus with that "glow" on their faces. Everything that the other one does is "swell" with the first one, 'cause everything the second one does seems "swell" to the opposite member. The world is tinted a rosy pink for them as friends and acquaintances nod, smile or yell at these "inseparables". They had met, liked each other, and found that they got along together better than with anyone else, so they do everything together.

It sounds good; it is good; but those "kids" are missing something that they don't realize. The time when you should meet, know, and enjoy as many new people as possible is when you're young. You lose those years of evaluation when you limit yourself to one person. Responsibility will be part of life too soon without replacing fun for it now. Choose your "intended" after you've been around for a while.

### A VALENTINE

Roses are red,  
But I am blue  
Because I fell  
So hard for you.

I saw you strolling  
Across the street;  
I lost my head  
And nearly my feet.

A bumper gave me  
Quite a bump;  
You're my sugar,  
But I've got a lump.

Remember Valentine's Day

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## LIFE OF A BORROWED PENCIL

I was lying there all peaceful and quiet, after being vigorously used on a six weeks test when what should happen, but my owner picks me up and places me in the hands of another student.

"No, No." I said to myself, and the journey began.

My point was very dull, so the student carried me to the pencil sharpener and ground about an inch or two off one end of me.

You wouldn't guess what happened next. Yes, Billy, that was the student's name, had an English theme to write. I twisted and turned and jumped from one spot to another on Billy's paper. Boy, was I petered out when he finished; then the bell rang. During the mad rush between classes, I was dropped among the trampling feet which broke my nose and almost crushed my skull. I was kicked all about, and when I came at last to rest next to the wall and was panting for breath, I felt myself suddenly elevated to the ear of a tardy scholar. As we walked into the room, the teacher inquired, "Why are you late, Johnny?"

"Oh, I couldn't find my pencil," he replied innocently, (a likely story).

Johnny had math, (of all things) but I needed sharpening. So we trudged down the aisle to the pencil grinder, and when we returned, much to my astonishment, half of me was still in the pencil sharpener with the rest of the shavings. You can guess why. Yes, it was an old sharpener and it just gnawed and gnawed until . . . (well just call me

## DANCING DOWN THE AGES

"Aw nerts, I can't get this step. Who invented the gentle (?) art of dancing anyhow?" That's a good question. Just who did?

Webster says: "A series of movements executed by the body in rhythm. A measured leaping —" Whoa! That's enough. Leaping is right.

When there wasn't a hot trumpet or a sweet "sax" what did people leap to? Bones or an old hollow log maybe; who knows?

Further investigation proved that dancing began before the dawn of the Christian era (Egad). Back there, it was no fun though, because dancing was done without the aid of a partner.

Much later, a really modern snappy dance was introduced into France in about 1650. It was called the minuet. The minuet grew and grew, and was even danced in the early days of our country. Anyone who was anyone just had to dance the minuet.

Someone got bold (probably shorty!)

Johnny finished his math and I was catching my wind when a girl borrowed me to erase a mistake. There goes that bell!!

The girl said: "Well, I need a pencil". So we slipped out the door without Johnny's noticing.

The next day I was feeling mighty bad, for it was pretty cramped in between the "kivers" of that book.

I guess the only reason I was still not in circulation is that there is not much left between my black nose and what used to be my red head, and I won't fit into a pencil sharpener.

## TAG LETTER

I wish to express my thanks to "Donny" Bove for tagging me.

I was born in Buffalo in 1931. I moved to Lancaster when I was five years old, and I think it is a wonderful town.

My favorite pastime is dancing, especially square dancing. I like all sports and I am especially fond of bowling and tobogganing.

I have many nicknames, but I'm usually called "Bee" (that is short for Bee Bee Butter-ball).

After I graduate, I intend to become a secretary or a receptionist (while I'm waiting for a certain sailor).

I tag Wilbert "Boo" Green to write the next letter.

—Barbara Hinsken

another Frenchman) and decided he would like to embrace his partner. (Heaven forbid). To accomplish this feat, the waltz was introduced in Europe in 1795.

Dancing from the waltz day on has become noticeably — uh — uh — frantic! (Descriptive anyhow).

## REGENTS

There's a room full of people  
And it's quite a din,  
But the room becomes quiet  
When a teacher walks in.  
She slowly puts a packet down  
And then she starts to turn around.

She takes out a knife and rips it open  
While everyone silently sits there hopin';  
She reaches in and pulls the paper out—  
Our regents are here, without any doubt!

—Alice Kupfer.

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## BASKETBALL NEWS

On Saturday, January 29, Lancaster lost to Hamburg with a score of 30-26. The high scorer was "Bill" Hastrich with 11 points. The J. V.'s also lost 48-44.

Lancastered journeyed to Sloan on Tuesday, Feb. 1 to suffer their 11th defeat 53-34. "Bill" Hastrich was high man with 14 points, 11 of which he scored in the first half.

"Dick" Cleveland had 11 points for the J. V.'s, as they lost to Sloan 39-26.

## CHUCKLES

Scene: Crowded halls of L. H. S.

Wilbert Green: "Anita, would you mind getting off my foot?"

Anita Eckstein: "Why don't you put your big foot where it belongs?"

Wilbert: "Don't tempt me, Anita; just don't tempt me!"

"Olans", demanded Miss Huber, "how does it happen you were late this morning?"

"Bob"—"I overslept".

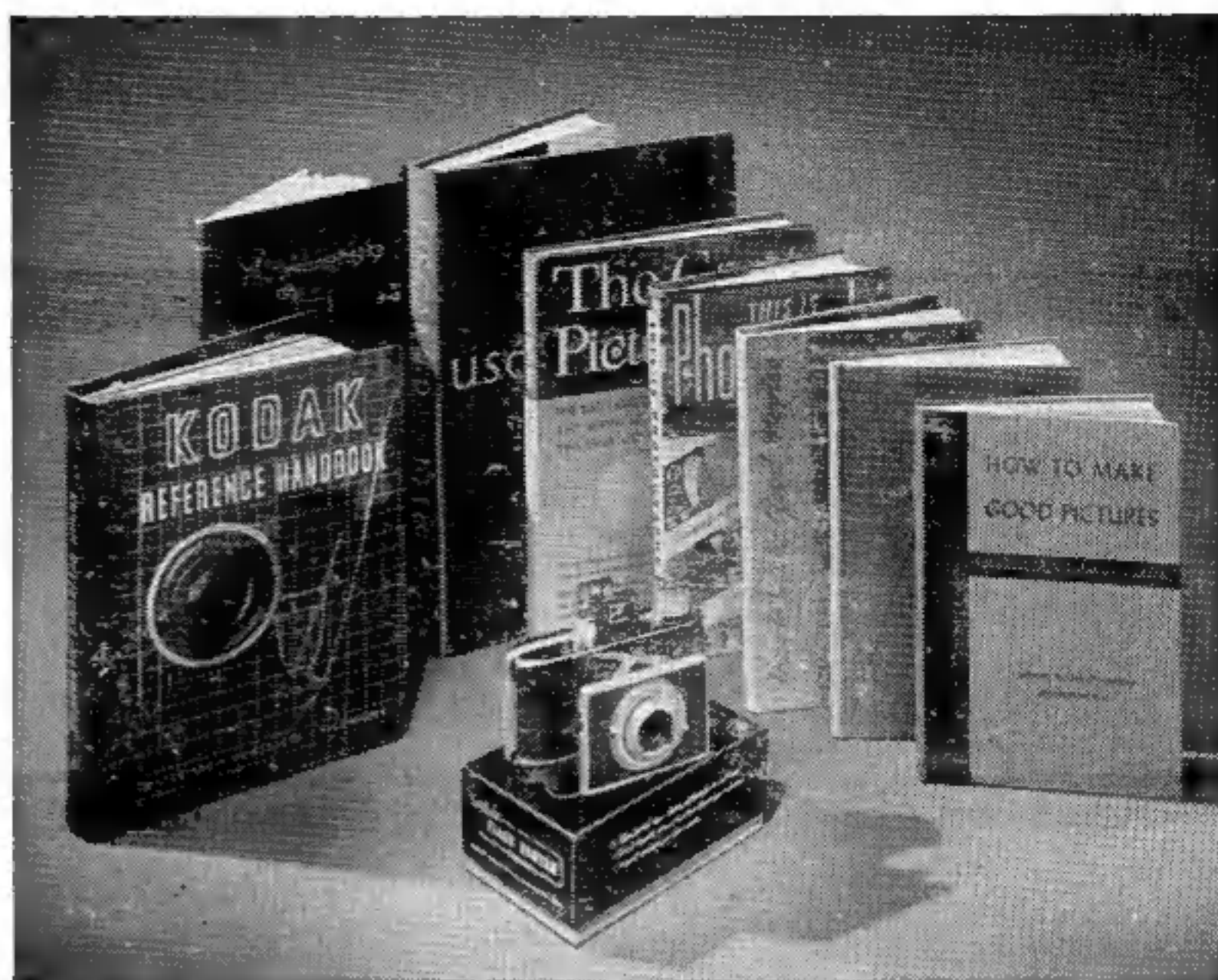
Miss Huber: "What! Do you sleep at home too?"

Dedicated to "Don" Kabel

Butcher: "The farmer who brought this rooster in said he was the laziest one in the world."

Assistant: "Did he say just how lazy he was?"

Butcher: "Yes, he said the rooster had never crowed in



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his life. He just waited for another one to crow and then he nodded his head!"

Jean Basher (in photo studio, with Mush's picture): "I'd like this enlarged."

"Don" Jay: "Would you like it mounted?"

Joan: "Oh yes — he'll look nice on a horse".

Wilma Beam, enthusiastic about the wonderful benefits of physical culture, said to her father: "Just watch this exercise. To develop the arms, I grasp the rod by one end and move it slowly from right to left".

"Well, well," exclaimed the

father! "What won't science discover next! If that rod had straw at the other end, you'd be sweeping."

Theodosia (To Mr. Farrell): "How is your new secretary, Betty Spanitz, making out?"

Mr. Farrell: "She's got the files and other things so mixed up, we just can't get along without her."

"Jack" Sues: "I think the driver of that car ahead must be my teacher."

"Jerry" Crans: "What makes you think so?"

"Jack": "Because she's so stubborn about letting me pass".

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